

**Abstract of the Invention**

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To connect a client application to a server 'server' on a cluster 'cluster' having a plurality of servers instantiated thereon, 'cluster' and 'server' are received from the client application, a first request message is sent to 'cluster' requesting first connection information for connecting to 'server', a first reply

- 10 message containing the requested first connection information is received from 'cluster', and the client application is connected to 'server' on 'cluster' based on the received first connection information. Thereafter, the connection to 'server' fails, and a second request message is sent to 'cluster' requesting second connection information for connecting to 'server', a second reply message
- 15 containing the requested second connection information is received from 'cluster', and the client application is again connected to 'server' on 'cluster' based on the received second connection information.

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